Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: In Madras it is statutorily necessary to pass a Bill; here, the power of interpretation is vested in the Diwan and when the Diwan makes a final ruling, that becomes binding. That is the difference between the Madras provision and the provisions in Cochin State. We are acting according to our State provision, and according to that, the action we have taken is perfectly right.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: I do'nt think the interpretation is correct.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Please read section 69 of the Government of India Act. It contains no explanation at all. It provides for an Act of the Legislature. That is why the have passed an Act of the Legislature.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD MEETINGS

105. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the meetings of the Staff Selection Board are held every Wednesday as once notified in the Gazette for the last 6 months ending with 1st of Kanni 1118;

(*b*) the number of days delayed in each case, (1) by the subordinate offices for submitting the report of the fact that a vacancy has arisen to the Departmental head during the months of Mithunam, Karkadagam and Chingam, (2) by the Departmental Heads after knowing about the vacancy for reporting about the vacancy to the Government;

(*c*) whether the Government has taken any action to avoid such delays;

(*d*) if not, why?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Yes, except when other business intervened.

(*b*) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(*c*) & (*d*) No answer is necessary.

HILL PADDY CULTIVATION

106. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)*:

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന്ന ഗവൺമ്മെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ —ഹിൽ പാഡി കൾട്ടിവേഷൻ സ്കീമനുസരിച്ചു് ആനമല റോഡിന്ന സമീപം കൃഷി ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: ഉവ്വു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്സു്. മണി: ആനമല റോഡിന്ന സമീപം കൃഷിചെയ്യുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു റോഡരികിൽ ഉള്ള മരങ്ങൾ മുറിച്ചുകളയേണ്ടിവന്നിട്ടില്ലെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: കൃഷി ചെയ്യുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയുള്ള സ്ഥലത്തുണ്ടായിരുന്ന മരങ്ങൾ മുറിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്സു്. മണി: മരങ്ങൾ മുറിച്ചുകളയുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് റോഡിനൊ പുതുതായി ആരംഭിക്കുവാൻപോകുന്ന ഇറിഗേഷനൊ എന്തെങ്കിലും ദോഷംവരുന്നുണ്ടൊ?

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: I would suggest that in the case of Malayalam questions the replies may be given in English. The questioners know English.

Mr. President: I cannot make any ruling.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: I am only requesting the Treasury Bench.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know Sir, how many acres will be available for hill paddy scheme adjacent to the Anamalais road?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: The area by the side of the road set apart for the purpose is about 2,000 acres. But we expect to take for cultivation this year only about two to three hundred acres.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Of the area set apart for hill paddy cultivation even adjacent to the Anamalais road, if the labour is so great, why can't you give it to private owners for raising hill paddy.

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